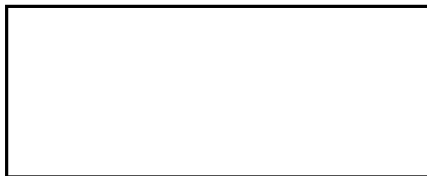


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DAILY BRIEF

I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

DK Berlin: On 14 August, East German police attempted to exercise jurisdiction over official Allied use of the autobahn access route between Helmstedt and Berlin for the first time in full view of Soviet personnel. An American officer in his own car was stopped by the East Germans about 60 miles from the Babelsberg checkpoint and was held for an hour and 20 minutes. Soviet personnel in a vehicle which had been following the American car and keeping it under surveillance made no effort to intervene. This incident appears to have been contrived to demonstrate that the East German regime is being permitted to exercise control over Allied access to Berlin in those areas of East Germany which are outside the immediate confines of Soviet checkpoints.

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

NO South Korea - Japan: South Korean representatives in Tokyo are negotiating with Japan for a settlement of differences between the two countries despite the signing on 13 August of the Japanese - North Korean agreement for the repatriation, to begin in November, of Koreans resident in Japan to North Korea. South Korea, however, remains adamantly opposed to the planned repatriation, and, if dissatisfied with the course of the present negotiations, may at any time use this issue as an excuse to break them off.

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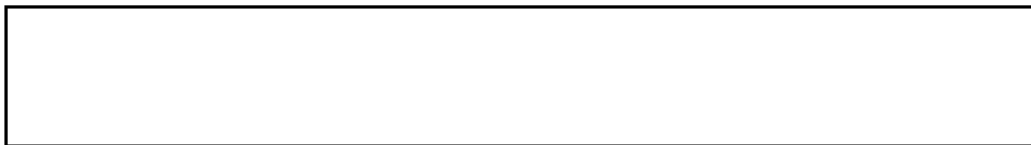
East German Police Halt US Officer on Berlin Autobahn

In their fifth attempt in eight weeks to exercise jurisdiction over American personnel traveling on the Berlin autobahn, the East German police on 14 August halted a senior US officer stationed in Berlin and, after he refused to show his passport, detained him for an hour and 20 minutes despite his demands to see a Soviet officer. At the time, the US officer, who was driving his own private car, was under surveillance of Soviet personnel in a car which had tailed him for some forty miles. After the American was halted, the Soviet vehicle was driven to a nearby parking strip where it remained out of sight. When the US car was allowed to proceed, the Soviet car again followed.

The American commander in Berlin considers this incident the most flagrant of this character since the acting Soviet commander in Berlin, in a letter of 22 June, declared that the autobahn was "outside his sphere of influence" and advised American officials to consult with responsible East German authorities. The Soviet failure to intervene in the current incident suggests that the Kremlin will answer any protest with a restatement of the 22 June letter--that Soviet authority over autobahn access ends at the checkpoints. [REDACTED]

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Japanese - South Korean Talks

South Korea apparently hopes that the recently resumed Tokyo talks for a settlement of differences with Japan will enable it to block the repatriation of Koreans in Japan to North Korea. At the second meeting of the negotiators on 18 August, the South Koreans insisted that the legal status of Koreans in Japan be the first subject of the talks. The Japanese urged that priority be given to the mutual release of Japanese fishermen held in South Korea and Koreans detained in Japan.

[There have been indications that some South Korean administration leaders have recognized their inability to prevent the repatriation and might welcome an over-all settlement with Japan to offset this failure, which they fear may strengthen President Rhee's opponents in next year's election. While such fears favor the conclusion of an agreement on some outstanding problems, Seoul might break off negotiations if no progress has been made by the time the first group of repatriates leaves Japan in November. It might also break off the talks, using the repatriation issue as an excuse, if it feels that the Japanese are not offering sufficient resettlement payments for prospective repatriates, or favorable concessions on financial claims, fisheries, and art treasures.]

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